

Application Serial No. 10/650,423
Reply to Office Action dated June 27, 2005

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Initially, the Applicant would like to thank the Examiner for the indication of allowable subject matter in the above-identified U.S. patent application. Specifically, the Examiner indicated that claims 1 and 2 would be allowable if amended to overcome a rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, and claims 3-18 and 20-23 would be allowable if amended to also overcome the formal rejection and to incorporate the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Towards that end, claims 1, 2, 4, 5, 17, 18 and 19 have been amended to provide distinctions between recited guide elements and guide members for antecedent basis purposes. Based on these changes, the Applicant respectfully submits that claims 1-18 are in clear condition for allowance.

On page 2 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claim 19 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kuwabara et al. in view of You. The Applicant respectfully submits that the mullion bar presented by this combination does not include first and second interconnected members analogous to those set forth in the present application. However, in order to further the prosecution of the application, claim 19 has been amended to incorporate the particulars of claim 20 which has been indicated to contain allowable subject matter. The Applicant respectfully submits that claim 19 and dependent claims 21-23 as now amended are in clear condition for allowance.

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In view of the above remarks and amendments to the claims, it is respectfully submitted that the invention is patentably defined over the prior art of record such that allowance of all claims and passage of the application to issue is respectfully requested. If the Examiner should have any additional questions or concerns regarding the allowance of this application, she is cordially invited to contact the undersigned at the number provided below if it would further expedite the prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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